Docket No.: 016762.085-US01 (PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Richard J. Collins, et al.

Application No.: 09/611,320

Filed: July 6, 2000

For: CARD WITH INCREASED GRIPABILITY

Group Art Unit: 3722

Examiner: W. Fridie

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced Patent Application:

- 1. Amendment Transmittal;
- 2. Fee Transmittal;
- 3. Reply and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
- 4. Check No. 280682 for \$234.00 for the additional claims fee; and
- 5. Return receipt postcard:

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Dated: June 12, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 37 CFR 1.27	147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination				
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1. BASIC FILING FEE	116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month				
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114 150 214 75 Provisional filing fee	138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding				
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES Extra Fee from below Fee Paid	142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)				
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2001, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 5), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740 referencing docket number 16762.085.US01.

Amendments

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims 14 through 33.

A credit-card-sized card comprising: a first face, a second face, and a tread comprising a plurality of raised dimples for improving the gripability of said card, wherein said plurality of raised dimples are disposed on one of said first and second faces, said one face coming into contact with a user to improve gripability.

15. (new) A card as in claim 14, further comprising a magnetic stripe.

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